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To the Writer from Dimmitt.

Kurten, Feb. 3.—As we have seen some few words in the Eagle from the gentleman on the plains, we would like him to write every week, and give us the price of stock where he is. Although his name was not signed to his article, the few lines that he wrote are very interesting indeed, and we would like to know his name. He may have found the weather more disagreeable later than when his letter was written, but we would not want to discourage the young man. If he had been here on the 26th, 27th and 28th of January, he would have needed that heavy clothing and some one to build a fire. Come again, W. S. D.

D. P. T.

BENSON SCHOOL HOUSE.

Benson School House, Feb. 4.—Charles McMillan has been ill of pneumonia the past week, but is convalescing now.

The smallpox patients are getting along fine. There have been four new cases since my last letter.

Miss Lou Pate of Bethel visited relatives here the past week.

Charlie Sawyer and Fred Cargill spent Saturday and Sunday in Grimes county.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson and daughter, Miss Bassie, and Jesse Todd visited Mr. and Mrs. Lum Benson at Kurten Saturday night.

T. A. Hensarling and family made a visit to Rock Prairie last Sunday.

Claud Thompson and Luther Holligon attended preaching at Bright Light Sunday.

George Terry left last week for Smith county where he intends to reside in future.

Hamp Buchanan, the Pilot rus-

ter, was here last week.

I would like to ask W. S. D. of Dimmitt, Texas, how pleasant the weather was there on the 26th and 27th ultimo.

The rain of last week was sufficient to cause the land to plow all but not enough for stock water. Farmers have commenced planting and are pushing their work as fast as possible.

Sly Jim.

Harvey.

Harvey, Texas, Feb. 3.—Rev. A. M. Stewart filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. Visitors were Mr. Billie Graham, Fennie Graham, Misses Essie McSwain, Pearl and Cora Gandy of Rock Prairie, and Mr. Ernest Elliott of Cottonwood. The church will be dedicated the first Sunday in May. We want to select some duets to sing in the afternoon.

Those who attended the musicale at the residence of Mr. Blanton on Saturday night report a nice time.

Mrs. Beard will give a free musicale next Friday night, the 7th, at the school house. Every lover of music should come out.

Mr. Brandon of Bryan came to Harvey on business last week.

Dr. Todd and son Claud are on the sick list.

The valuable mare of T. Q. Dyess died last week; she was valued at \$100.

Misses Ida and Bertie Moody are visiting Miss Zula Pate of Cartwheel.

Mr. Reubin Holland was a pleasant visitor here Sunday.

Bill Scroggins.

KURTEN.

Kurten, Texas, February 3.—Health is very good in this section at present.

We have had some rain lately, but not sufficient to make a crop.

Some of the young people of this community attended church at Reliance Sunday.

Claud Moore went to Edge Monday, returning on Tuesday.

There was no debate Saturday night because some of the speakers did not come out, but there was a large crowd present and a literary society was organized to meet twice a month.

Prof. S. H. Dunlap's school was rather short last week on account of bad weather.

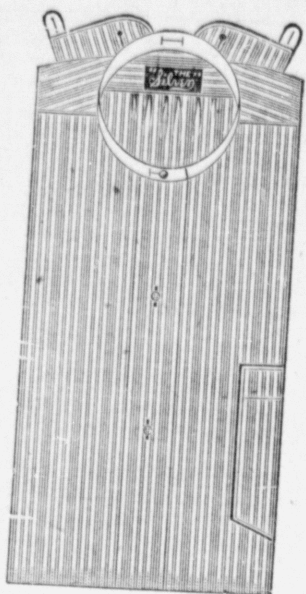
FICKEY.

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Mr. and Mrs. Cameron of Cottonwood visited Mr. McWhirter and family Sunday.

Mr. James Carroll and family visited here Thursday.

Have a Fit in a shirt!



By this we do not mean for you to have an apoplectic stroke with your shirt on—but for you to let us make you a shirt to measure, that we guarantee to fit. This we can positively do and at prices that will suit you—not high prices as are generally looked for in having shirts made to measure but prices about the same as you would pay for a good standard make of shirt. We have a full line of samples (any pattern you could desire) which you are cordially invited to call and inspect, and if they suit you give us an order for a quarter or half dozen and—HAY! A FIT, that will please you. Now is the time to order your spring shirts.

Yours for business,

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Men's Furnishings.

Miss Alma Grant visited Misses Wheelless Friday.

Miss Emily Stevener visited here Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Lizzie Wheelless has accepted a position as milliner at Wheelock.

Mr. McWhirter and family visited the former's parents Friday.

Messrs. Alex Carroll and Allie Skains were here Friday. Klan.

Hotel Arrivals.

EXCHANGE.

E B Seay, Mridsonville; T E Cook, Dallas; O J Miller, Waco; T F Reilly, city; A B Buehl, New York; F J Matthews, Palestine; Chas H Lee, Waco; H Harrison, Louisville; Jas Gibson, San Antonio; C W Carr, Houston; Norris Lange, Cincinnati; W C Boyett, J W Carson, College.

TUCKER HOUSE.

J G Putnam, Cook's Point; J L Broach, Tabor.

CENTRAL.

R J Jarvis, Willow Hole; J Mosley, J Hanes, Taylor; C A Taylor.

The Ewing-Taylor company will open their engagement at the opera house Thursday night with "A Celebrated Case." This company is well known in Bryan and is one of the best popular priced shows on the road. Admission, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

Prof. F. A. Glenn, representing the Tyler College, is in the city. He is meeting with great encouragement in his work, and will perhaps get several students here. Prof. Glenn is the author of the "Practical Speller and Definer," in use in the Allen Academy. Prof. Byrne, of this college, is the author of "Byrne's System of Shorthand," a wonderful improvement over the older systems, which is said to be destined to revolutionize the teaching and practice of shorthand.

As will be noted elsewhere, Messrs. Sam B. Wilson and E. J. Jenkins have purchased the interest of Mr. Tyler Haswell in the Wilson-Jenkins Drug company. These young men have had the management of the business and their success is a matter of gratification to their many friends. The style of the new firm is Wilson & Jenkins.

Contractor Hanson is getting along well in building the dam for the big I. & G. N. tank south of town.

The big street roller, hired from Brenham, was sent home yesterday.

FAIRCHILD'S REPORT.

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To the Writer from Dimmitt.

Kurten, Feb. 3.—As we have seen some few words in the Eagle from the gentleman on the plains, we would like him to write every week, and give us the price of stock where he is. Although his name was not signed to his article, the few lines that he wrote are very interesting indeed, and we would like to know his name. He may have found the weather more disagreeable later than when his letter was written, but we would not want to discourage the young man. If he had been here on the 26th, 27th and 28th of January, he he would have needed that heavy clothing and some one to build a fire. Come again, W. S. D.

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BENSON SCHOOL HOUSE.

Benson School House, Feb. 4.—Charles McMillan has been ill of pneumonia the past week, but is convalescing now.

The smallpox patients are getting along fine. There have been four new cases since my last letter.

Miss Lou Pate of Bethel visited relatives here the past week.

Charlie Sawyer and Fred Cargill spent Saturday and Sunday in Grimes county.

Mr. and Mrs. D. E. Thompson and daughter, Miss Bassie, and Jesse Todd visited Mr. and Mrs. Lum Benson at Kurten Saturday night.

T. A. Hensarling and family made a visit to Rock Prairie last Sunday.

Claud Thompson and Luther Holligan attended preaching at Bright Light Sunday.

George Terry left last week for Smith county where he intends to reside in future.

Hamp Buchanan, the Pilot rus-

ter, was here last week.

I would like to ask W. S. D. of Dimmitt, Texas, how pleasant the weather was there on the 26th and 27th ultimo.

The rain of last week was sufficient to cause the land to plow all but not enough for stock water. Farmers have commenced planting and are pushing their work as fast as possible.

Sly Jim.

Harvery.

Harvey, Texas, Feb. 3.—Rev. A. M. Stewart filled his regular appointment here Saturday and Sunday. Visitors were Mr. Billie Graham, Fennie Graham, Misses Essie McSwain, Pearl and Cora Gandy of Rock Prairie, and Mr. Ernest Elliott of Cottonwood. The church will be dedicated the first Sunday in May. We want to select some duets to sing in the afternoon.

Those who attended the musicale at the residence of Mr. Blanton on Saturday night report a nice time.

Mrs. Beard will give a free musicale next Friday night, the 7th, at the school house. Every lover of music should come out.

Mr. Brandon of Bryan came to Harvey on business last week.

Dr. Todd and son Claud are on the sick list.

The valuable mare of T. Q. Dyess died last week; she was valued at \$100.

Misses Ida and Bertie Moody are visiting Miss Zula Pate of Cartwheel.

Mr. Reubin Holland was a pleasant visitor here Sunday.

Bill Scroggins.

KURTEN.

Kurten, Texas, February 3.—Health is very good in this section at present.

We have had some rain lately, but not sufficient to make a crop.

Some of the young people of this community attended church at Reliance Sunday.

Claud Moore went to Edge Monday, returning on Tuesday.

There was no debate Saturday night because some of the speakers did not come out, but there was a large crowd present and a literary society was organized to meet twice a month.

Prof. S. H. Dunlap's school was rather short last week on account of bad weather.

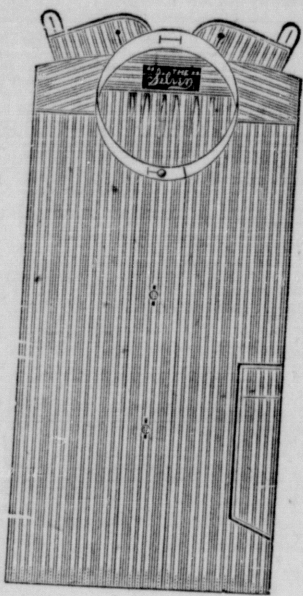
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Fickey, February 4, 1902.—There are several cases of pneumonia in the community now.

Mr. and Mrs. Cameron of Cottonwood visited Mr. McWhirter and family Sunday.

Mr. James Carroll and family visited here Thursday.

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Men's Furnishings.

Miss Alma Grant visited Misses Wheelless Friday.

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Miss Lizzie Wheelless has accepted a position as milliner at Wheelock.

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Hotel Arrivals.

EXCHANGE.

E B Seay, Mridisonville; T E Cook, Dallas; O J Miller, Waco; T F Reilly, city; A B Buehl, New York; F J Matthews, Palestine; Chas H Lee, Waco; H Harrison, Louisville; Jas Gibson, San Antonio; C W Carr, Houston; Norris Lange, Cincinnati; W C Boyett, J W Carson, College.

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R J Jarvis, Willow Hole; J Mosley, J Hanes, Taylor; C A Taylor.

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Prof. F. A. Glenn, representing the Tyler College, is in the city. He is meeting with great encouragement in his work, and will perhaps get several students here. Prof. Glenn is the author of the "Practical Speller and Definer," in use in the Allen Academy. Prof. Byrne, of this college, is the author of "Byrne's System of Shorthand," a wonderful improvement over the older systems, which is said to be destined to revolutionize the teaching and practice of shorthand.

As will be noted elsewhere, Messrs. Sam B. Wilson and E. J. Jenkins have purchased the interest of Mr. Tyler Haswell in the Wilson-Jenkins Drug company. These young men have had the management of the business and their success is a matter of gratification to their many friends. The style of the new firm is Wilson & Jenkins.

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(Makes close connection with main line I. & G. N. going east and west.)
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No. 121—Southbound—Mixed—Arrives..... 4:50 p. m.

LOCAL NEWS.

C. H. Lee has returned from Waco. W. L. Zulch was in town yesterday.

Antone Conrad was in the city yesterday.

W. T. Young went to Millican yesterday.

Rev. E. Shettle visited Calvert yesterday.

Wanted—Office work of any kind at odd hours. M. G. Nall. 54

J. L. Broach of Tabor was in the city yesterday.

Mrs. W. S. Howell returned from Houston yesterday.

Charles H. Malone of Hico is the guest of Capt. S. M. Darden.

For Rent—The house which we now occupy. Apply to Mrs. Fannie Darwin. 55

Misses Mary and Nellie Rohde are visiting at Hearne.

W. A. Bell was here from the Brazos bottom yesterday.

W. T. Ford, who has been sick the past week, was reported better yesterday.

Wanted—By a boy, any honest work in town or country. Address M. box 37, Bryan, Texas. 57

Contractors Lamb and Hanson of the I. & G. N. were in town yesterday.

E. B. and Sam Seay were here from Madisonville yesterday, the former going to Austin.

A. L. Smith, Tom Steele and J. B. Routt were here from Millican yesterday and went to Marlin.

Wanted—Three hundred live pigeons at once. Apply at once to Will R. Thomas or Hunter & Chatham. 53

Mrs. M. Adelle Read left yesterday to visit in San Antonio. Dr. Read accompanied her to Hearne.

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Dr. S. B. McJunkin of Waco left yesterday for Beaumont, after visiting his daughter, Mrs. W. R. Johnston.

Wanted—A four or five room house within three blocks of business part of town. Possession desired within 30 days. Apply at this office. 58

Madison county visitors: Will Dempsey and daughter, Bob Allphin, Will Payne, Jerry Chapman, John Bird, R. L. Wilson and wife, W. M. McCormack, G. T. Griffin.

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The ladies of the Methodist church will give a Valentine party for the children at the residence of Mrs. W. H. Webb on Friday afternoon, February 14.

Seats are on sale at Haswell's for the Ewing-Taylor company which opens a three nights' engagement on Thursday night. Popular prices—10, 20 and 30 cents. 51

Beson, Penn and Jule Isbell, John Davis, John and Bob Chappell, Scott Lindsay, J. B. Jones, Pat Franklin, Jess Hicks, George Vetoe, Ike Neeley, Plummer Flint and Jim Thomas were here from Grimes county yesterday.

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Edward Thompson, L. L. D., the eloquent lawyer-preacher, will deliver his popular lecture on "The American Sunday" this evening at 8:15 o'clock, in the Methodist church at Bryan. This is a first-class lecture—equal to the best—yet admission will be free because the Sunday League of America has engaged Dr. Thompson to deliver thirty-five of these lectures in Texas. The Nashville American says: "Dr. Thompson is one of the most finished orators of the South, and, though a lawyer by profession, he gives much of his time to the work of this league, of which he is the head."

THE ODD FELLOWS.

Grand Lodge of Texas Meets at San Antonio in Annual Session.

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We will continue

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Nos. 3 and 4 are fast trains, stopping only at principal stations.

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LOCAL NEWS.

C. H. Lee has returned from Waco.
W. L. Zulch was in town yesterday.
Antone Conrad was in the city yesterday.
W. T. Young went to Millican yesterday.
Rev. E. Shettle visited Calvert yesterday.
Wanted—Office work of any kind at odd hours. M. G. Nall. 54
J. L. Broach of Tabor was in the city yesterday.
Mrs. W. S. Howell returned from Houston yesterday.
Charles H. Malone of Hico is the guest of Capt. S. M. Derden.
For Rent—The house which we now occupy. Apply to Mrs. Fannie Darwin. 55
Misses Mary and Nellie Rohde are visiting at Hearne.
W. A. Bell was here from the Brazos bottom yesterday.
W. T. Ford, who has been sick the past week, was reported better yesterday.
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We have just received our first shipment of

Walk Over SHOES!

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MEN'S OUTFITTERS

Notice of Business Change.

We have this day bought the interest of Tyler Haswell in the firm of Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co. We assume indebtedness and collect all accounts of above firm.

WILSON & JENKINS.

In reference to the above, I wish to thank the public for their liberal patronage in the past and ask a continuation for the new firm. Very respectfully, TYLER HASWELL.

We desire to express our thanks and appreciation to our friends and the public for the liberal share of business they have contributed in our behalf in the past and hope to merit and enjoy a continuance of the same in the future. Very respectfully, 53-16 WILSON & JENKINS.

Handkerchief Sale.

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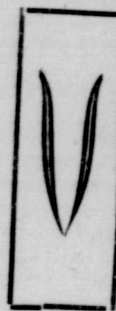
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City Market.

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Respectfully,
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BRAIN-FOOD NONSENSE.

Another ridiculous food fad has been branded by the most competent authorities. They have dispelled the silly notion that one kind of food is needed for brain, another for muscles, and still another for bones. A correct diet will not nourish a particular part of the body but it will sustain every other part. Yet, however good your food may be its nutriment is destroyed by indigestion or dyspepsia. You must prepare for their appearance or prevent their coming by taking regular doses of Green's August Flower, the favorite medicine of the healthy millions. A few doses aids digestion, stimulates the liver to healthy action, purifies the blood, and makes you feel buoyant and vigorous. You can get Dr. G. G. Green's reliable remedies at Wilson-Jenkins Drug Co.'s store. Get Green's Special Almanac.

TEXAS STILL LEADING

Heads List of States as to New National Banks.

PENNSYLVANIA NEXT.

In Less Than One Year One Hundred and Nine National Banks Have Been Organized in the State of Texas—Big Record.

Washington, Feb. 4.—The controller of the currency has issued a report showing the progress of the new banking law up to and including Jan. 31, 1902. Texas still leads in number of new banks established since March 4, 1900. Since that date, when the new law went into effect, 109 new banks have been established in Texas, Pennsylvania following with 91. Oklahoma shows up well in the list with 44 and the Indian Territory with 38.

Quite a number of new applications from Texas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory are to be acted upon. The new banking capital represented by the 109 new banks of Texas is in the aggregate \$4,143,000, that of Oklahoma \$1,265,000, and of the Indian Territory \$1,210,000. The total for the great southwest, therefore, is 191 new banks, with an aggregate capital of \$6,618,000, which gives an index of the marvelous business growth of that great section of the country. Compared with the balance of the country the southwest, composed of Texas, Oklahoma and the Indian Territory, shows nearly one-fourth of the new banks and nearly one-seventh of the new banking capital, while containing about one-twentieth of the population.

President Consult Army Officers.

Washington, Feb. 4.—Admiral R. D. Evans, Capt. Clark and Commander Walnwright had a conference of several hours with the president Monday on the matter of the appeal of Admiral Schley from the findings of the court of inquiry.

It is not thought that the president's answer will be ready for some time yet. In the meantime it is believed to be the president's purpose to confer with a number of the more important officers who gave their testimony before the court.

While the officers were with the president Monday he denied himself to all callers. He also invited them to luncheon.

President Board of Education.

New York, Feb. 4.—Charles C. Burdington of Manhattan has been elected president of the new board of education of Greater New York.

THE HERMIT

A Story Illustrative of the Ways of Heaven.

BY VOLTAIRE.

In the reign of King Moabdar there lived at Babylon a young man named Zadig. He was handsome, rich and naturally good hearted, and at the moment when this story opens he was traveling on foot to see the world and to learn philosophy and wisdom. But hitherto he had encountered so much misery and endured so many terrible disasters that he had become tempted to rebel against the will of heaven and to believe that the Providence which rules the world neglects the good and lets the evil prosper. In this unhappy spirit he was one day walking on the banks of the Euphrates when he chanced to meet a venerable hermit, whose snowy beard descended to his girdle and who carried in his hand a scroll which he was reading with attention. Zadig stopped and made him a long bow. The hermit returned the salutation with an air so kindly and so noble that Zadig felt a curiosity to speak to him. He inquired what scroll was that which he was reading.

"It is the 'Book of Destiny,'" replied the hermit. "Would you like to read it?"

He handed it to Zadig, but the latter, though he knew a dozen languages, could not understand a word of it. His curiosity increased.

"You appear to be in trouble," said the kindly hermit.

"Alas," said Zadig, "I have cause to be so."

"If you will allow me," said the hermit, "I will accompany you. Perhaps I may be useful to you. I am sometimes able to console the sorrowful."

Zadig felt a deep respect for the appearance, the white beard and the mysterious scroll of the old hermit and perceived that his conversation was that of a superior mind. The old man spoke of destiny, of justice, of morality, of the chief good of life, of human frailty, of virtue and of vice with so much power and eloquence that Zadig felt himself attracted by a kind of charm and besought the hermit not to leave him until they should return to Babylon.

"I ask you the same favor," said the hermit. "Promise me that, whatever I may do, you keep me company for several days."

Zadig gave the promise, and they set forth together.

That night the travelers arrived at a grand mansion. The hermit begged for food and lodging for himself and his companion. The porter, who might have been mistaken for a prince, ushered them in with a contemptuous air of welcome. The chief servant showed them the magnificent apartments, and they were then admitted to the bottom of the table, where the master of the mansion did not condescend to cast a glance at them. They were, however, served with delicacies in profusion and after dinner washed their hands in a golden basin set with emeralds and rubies. They were then conducted for the night into a beautiful apartment, and the next morning before they left the castle a servant brought them each a piece of gold.

"The master of the house," said Zadig as they went their way, "appears to be a generous man, although a trifle haughty. He practices a noble hospitality." As he spoke he perceived that a kind of large pouch which the hermit carried appeared singularly distended. Within it was the golden basin set with precious stones which the old man had purloined. Zadig was amazed, but he said nothing.

At noon the hermit stopped before a little house, in which lived a wealthy miser, and once more asked for hospitality. An old valet in a shabby coat received them very rudely, showed them into the stable and set before them a few rotten olives, some moldy bread and beer which had turned sour. The hermit ate and drank with as much content as he had shown the night before; then, addressing the old valet, who had kept his eye upon them to make sure that they stole nothing, he gave him the two pieces of gold which they had received that morning and thanked him for his kind attention. "Be so good," he added, "as to let me see your master."

The astonished valet showed them in. "Most mighty signor," said the hermit, "I can only render you my humble thanks for the noble manner in which you have received us. I beseech you to accept this golden basin as a token of my gratitude."

The miser almost fell backward with amazement. The hermit, without waiting for him to recover, set off with speed with his companion.

"Holy father," said Zadig, "what does all this mean? You seem to me to resemble other men in nothing. You steal a golden basin set with jewels from a signor who receives you with magnificence and you give it to a curmudgeon who treats you with indignity."

"My son," replied the hermit, "this mighty lord, who only welcomes travelers through vanity and to display his riches, will henceforth grow wiser, while the miser will be taught to practice hospitality. Be amazed at nothing and follow me."

Zadig knew not whether he was dealing with the most foolish or the wisest of all men. But the hermit spoke with such ascendancy that Zadig, who besides was fettered by his promise, had no choice except to follow him.

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New York, Feb. 4.—Charles C. Burlington of Manhattan has been elected president of the new board of education of Greater New York.

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A Story Illustrative of the Ways of Heaven.

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In the reign of King Moabdar there lived at Babylon a young man named Zadig. He was handsome, rich and naturally good hearted, and at the moment when this story opens he was traveling on foot to see the world and to learn philosophy and wisdom. But hitherto he had encountered so much misery and endured so many terrible disasters that he had become tempted to rebel against the will of heaven and to believe that the Providence which rules the world neglects the good and lets the evil prosper. In this unhappy spirit he was one day walking on the banks of the Euphrates when he chanced to meet a venerable hermit, whose snowy beard descended to his girdle and who carried in his hand a scroll which he was reading with attention. Zadig stopped and made him a long bow. The hermit returned the salutation with an air so kindly and so noble that Zadig felt a curiosity to speak to him. He inquired what scroll was that which he was reading.

"It is the 'Book of Destiny,'" replied the hermit. "Would you like to read it?"

He handed it to Zadig, but the latter, though he knew a dozen languages, could not understand a word of it. His curiosity increased.

"You appear to be in trouble," said the kindly hermit.

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"If you will allow me," said the hermit, "I will accompany you. Perhaps I may be useful to you. I am sometimes able to console the sorrowful."

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"I ask you the same favor," said the hermit. "Promise me that, whatever I may do, you keep me company for several days."

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That night the travelers arrived at a grand mansion. The hermit begged for food and lodging for himself and his companion. The porter, who might have been mistaken for a prince, ushered them in with a contemptuous air of welcome. The chief servant showed them the magnificent apartments, and they were then admitted to the bottom of the table, where the master of the mansion did not condescend to cast a glance at them. They were, however, served with delicacies in profusion and after dinner washed their hands in a golden basin set with emeralds and rubies. They were then conducted for the night into a beautiful apartment, and the next morning before they left the castle a servant brought them each a piece of gold.

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